

Added claims 52-58 are supported by allowed claims 1, 13-20 and 32 and the specification at, for example, page 14, line 26 to page 15, line 2. Applicants respectfully submit that the added claims do not raise any new issues, and respectfully request consideration and allowance of the newly added claims.

No issues of new mater should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

## **II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103**

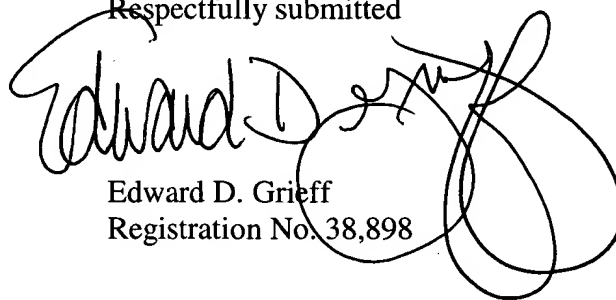
Claims 39-41 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Cohn (U.S. Patent No. 4,868,179). In order to further the prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 39-41 and 50. Cancellation of these claims should not be interpreted to mean that Applicants agree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 39-41 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. In view of the cancellation of the claims, the rejection is now moot.

## **III. Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1-38, 42-49 and 52-58.

Examiner Henley III is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 202-942-8453 concerning any questions about the present application.

Respectfully submitted

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